

Weekly Column August 18, 2005-

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, this upcoming weekend is going to be quite busy in the City of Troy.

Tomorrow is the kickoff to the long weekend with the 8th Annual Mayor's Cup at Frear Park. It appears we are going to have a great turnout, which means all we have to do is pray for some nice weather and it should be a wonderful time. All of the money raised at the tournament will benefit the Frear Park Conservancy, which always has something exciting planned for the park.

On Saturday, if you're planning on heading to Saratoga Race Track for the day, you will be delighted to know that your trip will coincide with the Second Annual running of the Troy Stakes. This year we have the extra boost of being on the same day as the Alabama. Some would look at that as being overshadowed by one of the more famous races in the country, but the optimistic side of me tends to believe it is another way to spread the word about the good things happening in Troy. Hopefully we'll see you up at the track this weekend.

After the track on Saturday, there should be plenty of time to head over to Lansingburgh for the summer finale of the Powers Park Concert Series. Drawing increased crowds each week, the concert series this year has been a fabulous success. Finishing it all up will be Kim Buckley, according to one of the organizers, "performs a diversified set of all original tunes and is a local recording artist who has also shared the stages of the region with some of the great ones passing through the region. Her shows are power packed with a blended mix of rock, country, and bluegrass." Sounds like fun.

I want to thank Deputy Mayor Dan Crawley, City Councilman Mark Wojcik, and Vito Ciccarelli for all their hard work in making these enjoyable Saturday nights not only a reality, but also a resounding success.

And of course, we need to finish off our weekend of fun in Troy, so check out the Collar City Live Concert Series Sunday night in Riverfront Park. The fun this week gets underway at 7 p.m. with Annie & The Hedonists, who Metroland describes as a band whose "tight group harmonies are framed by a variety of knockout lead instruments including guitar, mandolin, trumpet, keyboards, and dobro (with) an eclectic mix of blues, jazz, swing, folk and country."

Well, there it is. Don't say there isn't anything to do this weekend. Have a great time, and I'll talk to you next week.

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